

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **December 13, 2005**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 5

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:
(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Programs - Public Hearing
Regarding Annual Housing and Non-Housing Goals for 2005-2010 Consolidated Plan**

RECOMMENDATION: Conduct a public hearing to consider citizen input for annual housing and non-housing goals. No further action is required at this time.

SUMMARY: The City receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds on an entitlement basis each year from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (DHUD). Associated with this funding and, also, the HOME Program, current DHUD regulations require entitlement communities to conduct at least two public hearings annually.

Consistent with past practice, City Council conducts one such public hearing in March/April of each year in order to receive citizen input with regard to those projects that are scheduled to receive such federal funding in the next fiscal year. In order both to satisfy the above-referenced public hearing requirement and to receive further citizen input, a public hearing is scheduled at this time to receive comments regarding the stated goals within the 2005-2010 Community Development Consolidated Plan.

PRIOR ACTION(S): N/A

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

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ATTACHMENT(S): Proposed Goals for FY 2006-2007

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2005-2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN GOALS

Housing Goals

- Provide priority assistance to programs designed to create new home ownership opportunities available to low- and moderate-income buyers.
- Increase the number of owner-occupied units through support of public and private homebuyer programs. Emphasis is to be placed on programs, which require an investment of funds and/or labor on the part of the buyer, which are commensurate with the buyer's resources.
- Rehabilitate substandard housing units through support of public and private programs. Emphasis is to be placed on programs, which require an investment of funds and/or labor on the part of the owner, which are commensurate with the owner's resources. In addition, maintenance of homes will be enforced through applicable ordinances and building code requirements, and through owner initiatives to rehabilitate existing rental properties.
- Support initiatives to increase permanent affordable housing opportunities for low-income households and Special Needs Populations* and encourage regional cooperation of this goal throughout the Region 2000 area.
- Support the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative by improving housing stock.

*Special Needs Populations include, but are not limited to, the mentally ill/mentally disabled, physically disabled persons, substance abusers/addicts, persons with AIDS, the homeless, and elderly persons in need of supportive housing.

Non-Housing Goals

- Support economic development efforts, which will expand job opportunities and support job retention for low- and moderate-income individuals. Continue to take actions, which stimulate private, as well as public investment in designated enterprise zones.
- Eliminate neighborhood deterioration, blight and blighting influences through staged redevelopment of public infrastructure, rehabilitation activities, code enforcement, or clearance where needed.
- Support the organized efforts of neighborhood associations that seek to leverage their resources to improve infrastructure, amenities, and services.
- Support park and recreation improvements in relation to community need, particularly for low- to moderate-income persons or neighborhoods.
- Encourage the preservation of properties of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons.
- Support public service providers in meeting the service needs for low- and moderate-income individuals and Special Needs Populations.